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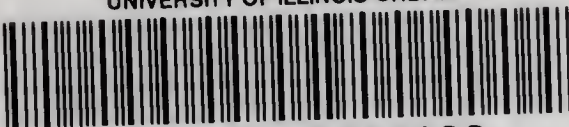
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ILLINOIS
Women's
Business Ownership Council

Created by
Women's Business Ownership Act
of 1994
(PA 88-597)

in partnership with the Illinois
Department of Commerce and
Community Affairs

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Women's Business

The Illinois Women's Business Ownership Council, created in 1994 by Public Act 88-597, is the result of strong initiatives on the part of women business owners and organizations, advocates, and a bi-partisan coalition of state legislators.

In partnership with the Office of Women's Business Development at the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs, the Council is mandated to assess the status of women business owners in Illinois and submit annual policy recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly. The Council is committed to establishing itself as the premier representative of ALL women business owners in Illinois.

The Council examines issues affecting women business owners such as barriers against women business owners; government initiatives to promote participation in the mainstream economy; public and private sector procurement programs; and conclusions about women-owned businesses that are presented by existing research and data.

The Council will seek to include in its annual report recommendations for private sector initiatives for management and technical assistance, increasing access to financing and procurement opportunities, and multi-year action plans for public and private sector action to remedy discrimination.

Ownership Council

Council Objectives and Activities:

Conduct hearings and other research activities to examine and clarify issues affecting women-owned businesses and formulate policy recommendations oriented toward solutions



Establish cooperation among public and private sector entities to work toward parity for women-owned businesses in the economic arena



Serve as an educational resource through conference participation and disseminating information



Review and track legislation affecting women business owners



Perform advocacy and outreach to promote the interests of the women's business sector in Illinois



"The fastest growing segment of the business community is women-owned businesses. Our strength is critical to the State's economy. The Council is committed to being a proactive force. We want to identify the issues and work toward solutions that will enhance the strength of each woman-owned business in Illinois."

Diana Conley
Council Chairperson

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- ☐ I am interested in additional information about the Council
- ☐ I am interested in information on state programs for women business owners
- ☐ I am interested in participating in a statewide survey of women business owners

Name

Business.....

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Mission Statement



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